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TAGS: OREP (DRINAN, ROBERT F.), UR, PFOR

SUBJ: SOVIET VISA FOR CONGRESSMAN DRINAN

1. DEPARTMENT LEARNED FROM CONGRESSMAN DRINAN'S OFFICE AUGUST 16 THAT CONGRESSMAN REFUSED SOVIET VISA EVEN THOUGH HE PLANS TO VISIT USSR IN HIS CAPACITY AS US CONGRESSMAN. (HE WAS PREVIOUSLY REFUSED VISA AS A MEMBER OF RELIGIOUS DELEGATION.) DEPARTMENT MADE REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS TO SOVIET EMBASSY AUGUST 15 AND 16, INCLUDING CALL FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE TO MINISTER-COUNSELOR VORONTSOV AUGUST 16.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATION TO MFA ON CONGRESSMAN'S BEHALF ASAP AUGUST 17, STRESSING THAT CONGRESSMAN DRINAN INTERPRETS REFUSAL AS INSULT TO ENTIRE US CONGRESS AND WILL SO ARGUE TO HIS COLLEAGUES AND TO PRESS, AND THAT PARTICULARLY IN VIEW IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE TOWARD USSR AT THIS JUNCTURE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WE REQUEST SOVIET SIDE RECONSIDER ITS REFUSAL OF DRINAN VISA. REPORT RESULTS DEMARCHE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

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3. CONGRESSMAN DEPARTS US AUGUST 20 FOR MONTREAL AND
PRAGUE; TRAVELS FROM PRAGUE TO KIEV AUGUST 21 VIA AEROFLOT
FLIGHT 676, ARRIVING KIEV 5:30 P.M. ROGERS

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